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The SPECTATOR.

Incluſam Danaen turris ahenea
Robuſtæque fores, & vigilum canum
Triſtes excubiæ, munierant ſatis
Nocturnis ab adulteris:
Si non ——— Hor.

Friday, March 14. 1712.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'YOUR Correſpondent's Letter relating 'to Fortune-Hunters, and your ſubſe- 'quent Diſcourſe upon it, have given 'me Encouragement to ſend you a State of my Caſe; by which you will ſee, that the Matter complain'd of is a common Grievance both to City and Country.

I am a Country Gentleman of between five and ſix thouſand a Year. It is my Misfortune to have a very fine Park and an only Daughter; upon which Account I have been ſo plagu'd with Deer-Stealers and Fops, that for theſe four Years paſt I have ſcarce enjoy'd a Moment's Reſt. I look upon my ſelf to be in a State of War; and am forc'd to keep as conſtant Watch in my Seat, as a Governour would do that commanded a Town on the Frontier of an Enemy's Country. I have indeed pretty well ſecur'd my Park, having for this Purpoſe provided my ſelf of four Keepers, who are Left-handed, and handle a Quarter-ſtaff beyond any other Fellows in the Country. And for the Guard of my Houſe, beſides a Band of Penſioner-Matrons and an old Maiden Relation, whom I keep on conſtant Duty, I have Blunder-buſſes always charg'd, and Fox-Gins planted in private Places about my Garden, of which I have given frequent Notice in the Neighbourhood; but ſo it is, that in ſpite of all my Care, I ſhall every now and then have a ſawcy Raſcal ride by reconnoitring (as I think you call it) under my Windows, as ſprucely dreſt as if he were going to a Ball. I am aware of this Way of attacking a Miſtreſs on Horſeback, having heard that it is a common Practice in *Spain*; and have therefore taken Care to remove my Daughter from the Road Side of the Houſe, and to lodge her next the Garden. But to cut ſhort my Story: What can a Man do after all? I durſt not ſtand for Member of Parliament laſt Election, for fear of ſome ill Conſequence from my being off of my Poſt. What I would therefore deſire of you, is, to promote a Project I have ſet on Foot, and upon which I have writ to ſome of my Friends; and that is, that Care may be taken to ſecure our Daughters by Law as well as our Deer; and that ſome honeſt Gentleman of a publick Sprit, would move for Leave to bring in a Bill *for the better preſerving of the female Game.*

I am,
SIR,
Your humble Servant.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

Mile-End Green, March 6, 1711-12.

'THERE is a young Man walks by our Door 'every Day about the Duſk of the Evening. 'He looks up at my Window as if to ſee me; and 'if I ſteal towards it to peep at him, he turns ano- 'ther way, and looks frightened at finding what he 'was looking for. The Air is very cold; and 'pray let him know if he knocks at the Door he 'will be carried to the Parlour Fire; and I will 'come down ſoon after, and give him an Opportu- 'nity to break his Mind.

I am,
SIR,
Your humble Servant,
Mary Comfitt.

'If I obſerve he cannot ſpeak, I'll give him 'Time to recover himſelf; and aſk him how he 'does.

Dear SIR,

'I Beg of you to print this without Delay, and 'by the firſt Opportunity give us the natural 'Cauſes of Longing in Women; or put me out 'of Fear that my Wife will one Time or other 'be delivered of ſomething as monſtrous as any 'thing that yet has appeared to the World; for 'they ſay the Child is to bear a Reſemblance of 'what was deſired by the Mother. I have been 'married upwards of ſix Years, have had four 'Children, and my Wife is now big with the 'fifth. The Expences ſhe has put me to in pro- 'curing what ſhe has longed for during her Preg- 'nancy with them, would not only have handſom- 'ly defrayed the Charges of the Month, but of 'their Education too; her Fancy being ſo exorbi- 'tant for the firſt Year or two, as not to confine 'it ſelf to the uſual Objects of Eatables and Drink- 'ables, but running out after Equipage and Furni- 'ture, and the like Extravagancies. To trouble 'you only with a few of them: When ſhe was 'with Child of *Tom* my eldeſt Son, ſhe came 'home one Day juſt fainting, and told me ſhe had 'been viſiting a Relation, whoſe Huſband had made 'her a Preſent of a Chariot and a ſtately Pair of 'Horſes; and that ſhe was poſitive ſhe could not 'breathe a Week longer, unleſs ſhe took the Air 'in the Fellow to it of her own within that Time. 'This, rather than loſe an Heir, I readily compli- 'ed with. Then the Furniture of her beſt Room 'muſt be inſtantly changed, or ſhe ſhould mark

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'the Child with ſome of the frightful Figures in 'the old-faſhion'd Tapeſtry. Well, the Upholſterer was called, and her Longing ſaved that 'Bout. When ſhe went with *Molly*, ſhe had fix'd 'her Mind upon a new Set of Plate, and as much 'China as would have furniſh'd an *India* Shop. 'Theſe alſo I chearfully granted, for fear of being 'Father to an *Indian Pagod*. Hitherto I found 'her Demands roſe upon every Conceſſion; and 'had ſhe gone on I had been ruined: But by good 'Fortune, with her third, which was *Peggy*, the 'Heighth of her Imagination came down to the 'Corner of a Veniſon-Paſty, and brought her once 'even upon her Knees to knaw off the Ears of a 'Pig from the Spit. The Gratifications of her 'Palate were eaſily preferred to thoſe of her Vanity; and ſometimes a Patridge or a Quail, a 'Wheat-Ear or the Peſtle of a Lark were chearfully purchaſed; nay I could be contented tho' I 'were to feed her with green Peaſe in *April* and 'Cherries in *May*. But with the Babe ſhe now 'goes ſhe is turned Girl again, and fallen to eating 'of Chalk, pretending 'twill make the Child's 'Skin white; and nothing will ſerve her but I 'muſt bear her Company, to prevent its having a 'Shade of my Brown. In this however I have 'ventured to deny her. No longer ago than Yeſterday, as we were coming to Town, ſhe ſaw a 'Parcel of Crows ſo heartily at Breakfaſt upon a 'Piece of Horſe-fleſh, that ſhe had an invincible 'Deſire to partake with them, and (to my infinite 'Surprize) begg'd the Coachman to cut her off a 'Slice as if 'twere for himſelf; which the Fellow 'did; and as ſoon as ſhe came home ſhe fell to it 'with ſuch an Appetite, that ſhe ſeem'd rather to 'devour than eat it. What her next Sally will be 'I cannot gueſs; but in the mean Time my Requeſt to you is, that if there be any way to come 'at theſe wild unaccountable Rovings of Imagination by Reaſon and Argument, you'd ſpeedily afford us your Aſſiſtance. This exceeds the Grievance of Pin-Money; and I think in every Settlement there ought to be a Clauſe inſerted, that 'the Father ſhould be anſwerable for the Longings 'of his Daughter. But I ſhall impatiently expect 'your Thoughts in this Matter; and am,

SIR,

Your moſt obliged,
And moſt faithful
Humble Servant,
T. B.

'Let me know whether you think the next 'Child will love Horſes as much as *Molly* does 'China-Ware.

At the Deſire of ſeveral Ladies of Quality.
By Her Majeſty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, to Morrow being Saturday, the 15th of March, will be preſented a Play call'd, The Tempeſt; or, the Inchanted Iſland. As it was altered from Shakeſpear by Sir Wil. D'avenant, and the late Mr. Dryden, Poets Laureat. With new Scenes, Machines, and all the original Decorations proper to the Play. By her Majeſty's Command no Perſons are admitted behind the Scenes.

AT the Queen's Theatre in the Hay-to Morrow being Saturday, the 15th Day of March, will be performed an nevv Opera call'd, Hamlet: By Subſcription. With ſeveral Entertainments of Dancing by ſix nevv Dancers. No Perſon to be admitted vvithout Tickets, vvhich vvill be delivered out at Mrs. White's Chocolate Houſe this Day and to Motrovv. Firſt Gallery 5 s. Upper Gallery 2s. Boxes on the Stage 15 s. To begin exactly at 6. By her Majeſty's Command no Perſons are to be admitted behind the Scenes.

The Gentleman that bought the Ticket in the 150000ol Lotte y 1711. N°: 23 m 311, is deſi ed to give Direction how the Owner may convey a Letter ſafe to him upon extraordinary Buſineſs.

By the Deſire of ſeveral Perſons of Quality.

To be ſeen ſome Time longer, Over againſt the Muſe-Gate at Charing Croſs theſe Rarities following; viz. A little Man 3 Foot high and 32 Years of Age, ſtrait and proportionable every way. The next is his Wife, a little Woman, 2 Foot 9 Inches high, and 30 Years of Age, who is now brought to bed, after a long and tedious Labour under the Hands of ſeveral able Phiſicians, being the leaſt Woman that ever was with Child in Europe: Likewiſe their little Horſe, 2 Foot odd Inches high, which performs ſeveral wonderful Actions by the Word of Command, being ſo ſmall that it's kept in a Box. Next is that wonderful Female Creature having a Head like a Hog; a Satyr from the Coaſt of Brazil, having a Head like a Child, and of ſuch a wonderful Shape that the like was never ſeen in England before; with a great many ſtrange and wonderful Creatures, which are too tedious to be mentioned here. And is to be ſeen from 9 in the Morning till 9 at Night, where due Attendance ſhall be given.

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